

30 September 1976

Subject: Approval of Representation Allowances

The recommendation contained in Paragraph 3 is approved. However, I request that you undertake the coordinated review recommended in the attached opinion concerning our legal authority to provide for representation allowances. Let me have the results of the review and any recommended changes in [REDACTED] by 17 January 1977.

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[REDACTED]
Deputy Director

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Attachment:
OGC Opinion

CC: OGC

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM :

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Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT :

Legal Authority for Agency Policy
Regarding Representation Allowances

1. This is in response to your request of 14 September 1976 that this Office provide an opinion on the basic legal authority for the Agency to provide for representation allowances for senior CIA officials at posts abroad. Your query was prompted and accompanied by a DDO memo to the DCI dated 3 September 1976 setting out DDO's proposed annual schedule of representation allowance authorization for FY 1977.

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Although it is clear that the Agency has the requisite legal authority to make such expenditures for operational purposes, it has also become apparent to us that the whole issue of the Agency's existing policies and practices in the area of representation allowances raises significant and potentially troubling political and legal questions. Accordingly, this Office believes that it would be useful in the near future for representatives of DDCI, OGC, DDO, IG, OLC and the Office of Comptroller to conduct a coordinated review and analysis of the manner and scope of the representation allowance expenditures presently being made by the Agency and the possible political operational and legal ramifications presented by this ongoing pattern of expenditures.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Deputy Director (Plans)
Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Approval of Representation Allowances

REFERENCE : [REDACTED] "Representation Allowances"

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1. Deputy Directors shall submit to the Director, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, their proposed schedule of maximum allowances for senior officials under their jurisdiction assigned to permanent posts of duty outside the continental limits of the United States. After approval by the Director, Deputy Directors are authorized to grant representation allowances, and to make adjustments therein, within the total amount approved by the Director provided, however, that any adjustment resulting in an allowance exceeding \$3,600 per annum must receive prior approval by the Director.

2. Deputy Directors are also authorized to grant representation allowances to senior officials for expenses to be incurred while they are in a travel status in an area outside the continental limits of the United States, including supplemental per diem not to exceed \$10 per day, provided that such expenditures in excess of \$1,000 for any single trip must receive prior approval by the Director.

/signed/

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Comptroller
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